

Railway	Vacant land (in Hectare)
North Central	738
North Eastern	5923
North East Frontier	2435
Northern	2919
North Western	964
South Central	4248
South East Central	3391
South Eastern	84
Southern	2297
South Western	2871
West Central	488
Western	7383
TOTAL :	44894

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Out of total land holding of 4.31 lakh hectare, only about 2000 hectare of land is under encroachment.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. In order to give greater thrust to the commercial use of vacant railway land/air space, Railways has decided to set up a separate Authority namely the Rail Land Development Authority, through, an amendment to the Railways Act, 1989 to undertake all tasks related to property development on railway land/air-space. The Authority has been constituted with effect from 1st November, 2006.

Base kitchen of Railways

2720. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the base kitchen of Railways, zone-wise and location wise;

(b) whether the Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation has

formulated any plan to revamp the base kitchens in order to provide better and hygienic food items to passengers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the total cost involved therein and the names of the new facilities proposed to be provided in base kitchen thereunder?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRYOF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Details of base kitchens of Indian Railways, zone-wise and location-wise are as under:—

Railway Zone	Location
Central Railway	Nagpur, Ballarshah,
Northern Railway	New Delhi
Eastern Railway	Howrah,Asansol,
East Central Railway	Patna, Mughalsarai
East Coast Railway	Khurda Road
South Central Railway	Vijayawada, Ongone, Gudur, Rajamundry
South Eastern Railway	Kharagpur, Tata Nagar
South East Central	Bilaspur
Railway Western Railway	Mumbai Central

(b) and (c) Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) is presently managing all the base kitchens of Indian Railways. IRCTC has already undertaken renovation of base kitchens. Replacement of old/defective furniture, food service equipments and other gadgets, etc. is being done wherever required. Further, IRCTC has appointed specialist/experienced consultants in the hospitality sector to suggest the designs and changes in the base kitchens. Steps have also been initiated to obtain ISO 22000:2005 (Food Safety Management System) and ISO 9001:2005 (Quality Management System). M/s RITES has been engaged for the said purpose. The costing and estimated expenditure, facilities required to be provided etc. shall be based on the report to be received from the consultants.